



My name is Barbara Hart, Public Health Nurse at the California Rural Indian Health Board, (CRIHB), located in Sacramento California. I am a member of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. I have been married to David Hart, grade school teacher, for seven years. I have two grown children, Kenneth, 22 years and Patsy, 20 years old.

I first began working at the Chapa-De Indian Health Clinic in Woodland as the clinic nurse manager after graduating from nursing school. I finished my bachelors while working at Chapa -De and began seeking employment as a Public Health Nurse. I recently finished course work for the Masters Program in Nursing at the California State University, Sacramento. I have been employed at CRIHB as the Public Health Nurse for 6.5 years. Injury prevention naturally became part of my job, but we never had a program before the IHS grant came about. We have been able to hire a full time Injury Prevention Specialist, Myla Jensen with the funding provided by Indian Health Service grant. This year we have two additional grants, one from Office of Traffic Safety and another from California Kids Plates. These grants will focus on Helmet's and car seats. This year we also hosted a Level 1 Introductory to Injury Prevention Course with Robert Newsaid, IHS, here in Sacramento.

I decided to serve on the Tribal Steering Committee to be able to network with others working in the field. I enjoy sharing ideas and discussing activities that will promote awareness regarding injury prevention in American Indian Communities.